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SUBJECT: U.S. MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR INTERIOR MINISTER
OCTAVIO LEPAGE

1. INTERIOR MINISTER OCTAVIO LEGAPE HAS REQUESTED THAT THE USG AUTHORIZE HIM TO HAVE A FULL MEDICAL CHECKUP AT BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL IN THE NEAR FUTURE. LEPAGE WISHES HAVE EXAMINATION PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF PRESENT PEREZ OVERSEAS ON MAY 14 AT WHICH TIME LEPAGE WIL HAVE TO ASSUME DUTIES AS ACTING PRESIDENT. (INTERIOR MINISTER IS SECOND RANKING VENEZUELAN OFFICIAL AND IS REFERRED TO AS THE PREMIER.)

2. LEPAGE HAS NO SPECIFIC AILMENT WE KNOW OF; HE SIMPLY WANTS A COMPLETE CHECKUP AND BELIEVES THAT BETHESDA IS AN EXCELLENT FACILITY. ALTHOUGH NOT DISCUSSED I ASSUME, LEPAGE IS PREPARED TO PAY ALL COSTS (I WILL RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH HIM UPON RECEIPT DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE). LEPAGE'S ONLY CONSTRAINT IS THAT HE MUST BE BACK BEFORE MAY 14.

3. LEPAGE IS NOT ONLY SECOND RANKING OFFICIAL IN VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT, BUT IS ALSO A LEADING MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING PARTY (ACCION DEMOCRATICA), AND, AS INTERIOR
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MINISTER, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST POLICE AND SHARES RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE MILITARY ON INTERNAL SECURITY. I BELIEVE THAT MUCH GOODWILL COLD ACCRUE TO AUTHORIZING THIS EXAMINATION WHICH, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, SHOULD BE RATHER ROUTINE. THUS, I STRONGLY URGE DEPARTMENT TO APPROVE THIS REQUEST AND FORWARD IT TO DOD FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION.
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